submitted the investment plans and project profiles. A series of meetings by Department of Tourism are being held in association with other concerned agencies with prospective investors where they are being given details of the investment plans concerning these States.

(d) The tourist areas in the State of Rajasthan are constantly being promoted through the overseas tourist offices of the Department of Tourism by way of publicity and promotion.

Recommendations of Railway Capital Restructuring Committee

287. SHRI GUNDAPPA KORWAR: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Railways are heading towards a debt trap like situation as per the Railway Capital Restructuring Committee;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) The other recommendation of the Committee;

(d) whether the Railways are having any plan to revive from this situation; and

(e) if so, the details thereof;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI): (a) and (b) The Railway Capital Restructuring Committee (RCRC) has, as a long term strategy for avoiding a debt-trap like situation, recommended that beginning should be made to amortise past investments made by the Government as Capital-at-charge of the railways in order to control the snow-balling effect of the practice of making dividend payments in perpetuity to the General Revenues combined with payments of lease charges to the Indian Railway Finance Corporation (IRFC). At present the total impact of these two factors is well within manageable limits.

(c) there are 19 recommendations in all made by RCRC in their first report. These recommendations seek to redefine the relationship between General Finance and Railway Finance. RCRC have also proposed a charter defining the relationship between Indian Railways and Central Government.

(d) and (e) In view of the position explained in reply to (a) above, it does not arise.

Expansion of operational network of Airlines in Gujarat

288. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to expand the operational network of Indian Airlines, Modi Luft, Jet-Airways and Sahara Airlines in Gujarat; and

(b) what is the reason for not operating any flights to Surat, Porbandar, Keshod and Kandla Airports of Gujarat for the last many years?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Indian Airlines, at present, have no plans to introduce more services in Gujarat. However, private airlines are free to operate to any airport depending on the commercial viability.

(b) Private scheduled operators are operating flights to Kandla, Keshod and Porbundar. However, these airports cannot handle B-737 type of aircraft, which is the smallest aircraft in Indian Airlines fleet.

Foreign collaborations cleared by Govt.

289. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign collaborations that have been finally cleared/established as a result of liberalisation and globalisation;

(b) how much will be the direct investment; and